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	Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
	First Named Inventor	Galo F. ACOSTA et al.
	Group Art Unit	Unknown
	Examiner Name	Unknown
	Attorney Docket Number	2599-103-D2
Title of the Invention: ASSAY WORK STATION		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this divisional application, kindly amend the application as follows.

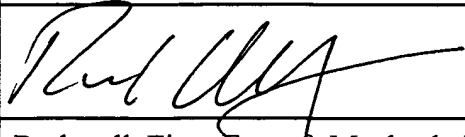
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~1-25~~ and ~~34-37~~.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 34-37 are canceled. Independent claim 26 and dependent claims 27-33, which were restricted out of the parent application, remain pending.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,					
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